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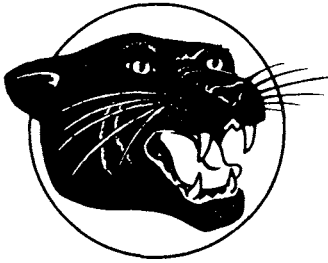
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CHARLESTON, IL--Two Springfield area athletes and a suburban Chicago prep have signed baseball scholarships to attend Eastern Illinois University, head coach Tom McDevitt announced.

Tim Torricelli, 5-8 catcher from Springfield High School, Steve Hall, 5-10 infielder from Williamsville who is transferring from Lincoln Land CC, and Paul Skorupa, 6-4 righthanded pitcher from Barrington, will enroll this fall.

Torricelli was one of two catchers to represent Illinois in the first annual Illinois-Michigan high school all-star game held earlier this summer at Tiger Stadium in Detroit.

He hit .368 this past spring for Springfield with six homers, 25 RBIs and 23 runs scored in just 24 games.

"Tim possesses a fine arm, quick bat and is sound defensively," McDevitt said.

Hall batted .407 for Lincoln Land and led the state in triples with seven. He also had 31 runs batted in.

"Steve's a fine defensive player with 4.0 speed to first. As a switch hitter he's an ideal lead off man and with that speed potentially should steal a lot of bases."

Skorupa is the brother of former hurler Elliott Skorupa, now pitching Class A ball in the Montreal Expos chain.

His won-lost record was 3-4 however he had a 2.93 earned run average and struck out 58 in 40 innings. His 1.61 strikeout per inning ratio was the league's second best.

"Paul has the tools to be an outstanding college pitcher and perhaps a pro prospect. He has a loose arm like his brother and possesses a fine fastball . . . and has a much better breaking pitch than Elliott did at the same age," McDevitt said.

"This summer he has thrown a no-hitter in legion ball, some one-hitters and the other day struck out 19 in an 11 inning game. "We're very pleased to have another Skorupa

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on the staff."

Earlier McDevitt announced the signing of pitchers Sam Light of Bartonville Limestone and Kevin Smith of Peoria Richwoods.